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SUBJECT: NOTARIAL SERVICE: DEPOSITION

- 1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A NEW YORK LAW FIRM STICKELS, KENNEDY & VAN STEENBURGH ENCLOSING, INTER ALIA, A COMMISSION FROM THE SURROGATE COURT OF QUEENS COUNTY TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS CONCERNING AN ESTATE FROM TWO FINNISH CITIZENS. THE EMBASSY IS PLANNING TO ACT ON THE DEPOSITION REQUEST. HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON THE FOLLOWING WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
- 2. SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF THE LETTER FROM SICKELS, KENNEDY & VAN STEENBURGH, WE RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE LEGAL DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASKING IF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MFA COULD BE PRESENT WHEN THE EMBASSY TAKES THE DEPOSITIONS. ACCORDING TO THE MFA, THE LAW FIRM IS COUNSEL TO THE FINNISH CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK AND SUGGESTED THIS TO THE FIN. CONGEN WHO IN TURN RELAYED THE ADVICE TO THE MFA. WHILE THE EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION TO THE ATTENDANCE OF A MFA REPRESENTATIVE, THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE IS REQUESTED.
- 3. ALTHOUGH TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMERCE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRY, THERE HAS BEEN NO OBJECTION FROM THE FINNISH
GOVERNMENT IN THIS RESPECT IN ALL PAST CASES.

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